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## County engineer defends plans to use herbicide

The herbicide spraying of roadways across the state by the state highway department has drawn recent criticism from Alabama Attorney General Don Siegelman and, while a similar program is planned by the highway department in Coffee County, county engineer Mark Pool insists that roadways

across the county will not be brown throughout the summer.

"The herbicide spraying in Coffee County will not kill the grass," stated Pool. "It will only kill the fast-growing weeds. While the state uses a herbicide that keeps the area sprayed brown for a number of months, the chemical to be used in the county will only result in a brown-out for a couple of weeks.

"What we've got planned is to spray the weeds along the right-of-way when they get about a foot tall. The herbicide will kill the weeds, and while the grass keeps growing, the area will appear brown for a couple of weeks. The grass will remain green and will be visible; we're not going to kill everything that is growing in the area - just the weeds!"

In a recent letter Attorney General Siegelman stated that while Alabama is called "Alabama the Beautiful," the natural beauty is being marred by litter and herbicide spraying.

"The state highway department sprays herbicides along our roadways, and these poisons have killed many of our native wild flowers, trees and the crimson clover that once bordered our highways," wrote Siegelman. "This spraying has turned Alabama's roadways brown and presents a bad image to the many visitors and tourists who use our highways."

"The state highway department's spraying program needs to be abandoned in favor of a roadside beautification program that will

replant crimson clover and indigenous flowers and trees along our roadways and highways. Such a beautification program would also save the state money spent on costly herbicides."

"I really can't answer just why the clover is no longer growing along the roadways," said Pool, "but I do know that it is cheaper to spray herbicides than it is to purchase the equipment needed to keep the right-of-way cut. We have 450 miles of paved roads in this county and our plans to spray twice and then cut the shoulders in the fall is the most economical and the best plan for the county."



This 500-lb. cast-iron bell, which was removed from the New Brocton Methodist Church after a tornado destroyed the building in November, 1986, was re-installed in the new church which has recently been completed and dedicated. [See related story on Page 9.]

## City officials scrap voter re-identification plans for Elba

City officials in Elba announced this week that residents wishing to vote in the August, 1988, city election would not be required to re-identify earlier stated.

Last week Mayor Bob English announced that the existing poll list

of qualified voters in the City of Elba would be discarded and all voters would have to re-identify at City Hall to be eligible to cast a vote in the upcoming city election. The announcement came following a meeting with the mayor and a high-ranking county poll official in which the county official stated law dictated the complete re-identification process.

City attorney Mark Vaughan researched the law dealing with the election and possible re-identification and discovered that the re-identification process was not mandated, but could be used if so desired by city officials.

After reporting his findings to city officials, it was announced that the city would use the existing poll list for the upcoming election and publish the list along with the map showing district lines within the city prior to the election. After the list is published, voters not appearing on the list will have to re-identify to vote in the election.

The decision not to order the re-identification was reportedly made in an effort to reduce confusion already caused by changes in county districts and Democratic primary rules and to save city residents the high cost of the re-identification process.

## National Security takeover bid halted

On March 2, 1988, Alabama Insurance Commissioner John S. Green issued an order disapproving the acquisition of 22.2 percent or more of the common stock of National Security Insurance Co. by a group consisting of Louis J. Rousset, Victory Financial Group, Inc. and Mutual Savings Life Insurance Co. National Security had opposed this acquisition at the public hearing

held Jan. 11-13. Grounds cited by the commissioner, based on the Form A filing of Mutual Savings and the evidence presented at the hearing, were:

"That the effect of this acquisition will lessen competition in the insurance industry in the state of Alabama.

"The financial condition of

Mutual Savings will jeopardize the financial stability of National Security and prejudice the interest of policyholders.

"That Mutual Savings had plans to make substantial changes to National Security's business or corporate structure or management which was testified to at the hearing which are deemed to be unfair and unreasonable and not to be in the

public interest.

"That the absence of a specific management plan relating to the competence, experience and integrity of those persons who would control the operation of National Security are such that it will not be in the interest of the policyholders of National Security or of the public to permit this acquisition of control."

## Board remains concerned about loss of water

The Elba Water and Electric Board met Tuesday evening with chairman Oscar Vaughan presiding. The board bought a truck, paid the bills and anguished over the continuing losses of large amounts of

water. A dump truck was purchased from Cook Chevrolet, after board members were told that of 13 bid requests, only Cook offered a positive bid. The truck and dump

body will cost \$20,545.65. One Enterprise dealer returned a "no bid" stating he couldn't assure delivery time from the factory.

The board approved payment of \$18,365.20 after hearing that the two major expenditures were sewer lift station repairs of \$2182.64 and disposal of cancer-causing PCB containing capacitors at \$7,699.80.

Reviewing the financial figures for the past month, board members noted that the 7.5 percent loss in the electric department was within acceptable limits, according to consultants. However, the water loss continues to be high with unacceptable water exceeding to over 33 percent of the amount pumped.

Board members were told that an estimate had already been put in for fire department use, etc., and that the 33 percent loss was a real loss.

Losses in the rural water area and the maintaining of the sewer pump stations continue to plague the department.

A review of the accounts receivable indicated \$10,853.87 in late payments, \$755.45 in returned checks and bad debts for the month totaling \$789.03. Of the returned checks, five have been turned over to the courts for collection already.

The list of late payments includes several people who are more than one month behind with their payments, including one that is five months behind before the meter was pulled. No explanation was given as to why one individual is allowed to run five months behind and others cut off much earlier. One church was listed as owing four months and several individuals appeared to owe three-month accounts.

## Cutbacks continue to mount for 1988 Ft. Rucker budget

Ft. Rucker has received further cuts to its fiscal year 1988 (Oct. 1, 1987 - Sept. 30, 1988) budget, making the year's total budget now \$265 million. FY 87's was \$306 million.

The major impact area is in the Army Aviation Center's lifeline, flight training, with a loss beginning April 1 of \$12 million and 820 students. Added to the decrement that became effective in February, the fiscal year's planned student load of 6,600 is reduced by one-third. New training cuts will impact in initial entry aviator training and in new systems training courses for the AH-64, UH-60, CH-47D and OH-58D. Previous reductions were in the lower-cost graduate courses, such as instrument flight examiner, rotary wing qualifications and rotary wing aviator refresher training.

The reduction in flight training affects two major contractors: Sikorsky Support Services, Inc., which has the maintenance and refueling contracts, and Pan Am Support Services, Inc., the rotary wing flight contractor.

FlightSafety International, contractor for the fixed wing multi-engine qualification course, will not sustain additional reductions. The civilian work force will also feel the budget crunch because the civilian strength has to be reduced 100 spaces by the end of FY 88.

However, Col. Willis R. Bunting, chief of staff, stressed that no general reduction-in-force is foreseen now. Actions to alleviate that are a total hiring freeze put into effect Monday, Feb. 29, a drastic curtailment in overtime work allowed, a reduction in the amount of performance awards civilians can receive, and the termination March 11 of 32 temporary and 22 student aid spaces.

It is anticipated the remaining dollar deficit and necessary space reductions will be met by normal attrition of employees by Sept. 30.

### Qualifying to begin March 12

The Coffee County Democratic Party will meet this Saturday morning in the Elba courthouse for the purpose of beginning the qualifying for several county officials.

Chairman Jackson W. Stokes said Tuesday that several offices are up for election this year, including that of probate judge, all board members. Qualifying will begin at 9 a.m.

Voters will also select a circuit clerk, district judge and a circuit judge. The circuit judge seat up for election is the one presently held by Terry Butts of Elba.

### GTE adds service in New Brocton

GTE customers in New Brocton are now offered the convenience of 0-plus dialing.

Customers are able to initiate calling card calls, collect calls and calls charged to another number by dialing 0 and then the number.

"This simplifies the calling process," said Allen W. McCook, GTE's general manager in Alabama. "For the customer, 0-plus dialing is a service enhancement that can be directly attributed to deregulation in the telecommunications industry."

Any questions about 0-plus dialing may be referred to the local GTE Customer Service Manager. In Ozark that number is 774-2222.

Following a brief explanation on long distance calling options that will be available to GTE customers as exchanges are converted to 0-plus dialing, the customer can make the

following calls himself:

**Station-to-Station Calls:** Dial 0 + Area Code\* + Number.  
**Person-to-Person, Collect, or Third Number-Billed Calls:** If place from touch-call, rotary-dial phones or any party line phone - Dial 0 + Area Code\* + Number. An operator will ask you for the necessary billing information.

**Calling Card Calls:** If placed from touch-call, rotary-dial or any party line phone - Dial 0 + Area Code\* + Number. When the operator comes on the line, give the operator your calling card number.

**International Calls:** Dial 01 plus the number and an operator will assist you.  
\*Area Code is not required if your call is placed within the 205 Area Code.



Mrs. Loreen Gephardt (second from left) is greeted by Elba Chamber of Commerce director Gene Kennett during a visit to Elba last week. Mrs. Gephardt's visit apparently paid dividends as her son, Sen. Richard Gephardt, was the top vote-getter in the city.

### Tattoos may conceal new drug

Area law enforcement officials have reported that the latest in the continuing drug inducements to children and young adults has hit the streets in the form of a tattoo called "Blue Star." and all parents are being warned to keep an eye on the items that are reported to be available across the nation.

The latest drug is a small piece of white paper containing blue stars the size of a pencil eraser. Each star is reportedly soaked with LSD and each star can be removed and placed in the mouth.

The stars can also be absorbed through the skin simply by handling the paper. There are also brightly colored paper tabs that resemble

postage stamps that have pictures of clowns, Superman, Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters on them. These stamps are packaged in a red cardboard box wrapped in foil and both papers are simply the latest in methods of selling LSD to young children.

A young child could happen upon the drug by accident or through a gift from an older person who would do it to see the youngster have a "bad trip."

All parents are urged to keep an eye on anything similar to the items mentioned above and if any suspicious items are found, please notify the nearest police department.

### March 11 is Little Miss Elba deadline

The annual Little Miss Elba pageants will be held Saturday, March 26, at the Elba High School auditorium at 7 p.m., and all parents of potential contestants are reminded that the deadline to enter this year's event is Friday, March 11, at 3 p.m.

Entry forms and rules were given to all first-grade pupils at the

elementary school recently, and the forms must be turned in at the principal's office at the school prior to the deadline.

The pageant is sponsored by the Elba Athletic Club. For more information parents may call pageant chairman Ricky Mularz at 897-5977 (nights).







# SOCIAL NEWS



Miss Hudson

## Miss Hudson To Marry Lt. Hennessy, April 9th

Mr. Mary Jo Hudson and Mr. Harold B. Hudson of Elba announce the engagement of their daughter, Toni Alyson Hudson, to Edward Andrew Hennessy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Hennessy of Northampton, Mass.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Wise and Mrs. Lois Hudson of Elba.

Miss Hudson is a 1984 graduate of Elba High School and is a senior at Troy State University.

The future groom is the grandson of Mrs. Mary Hennessy and the late Mr. Edward A. Hennessy of Northampton, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benson of Farmington, Maine.

Li. Hennessy is a graduate of Northampton High School and is presently serving in the U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Rucker.

He recently graduated from flight school with honors from Aero Scout Track. He is now attending the AHI Cobra course and has been assigned to an attack helicopter battalion in Germany.

The wedding is planned for April 9, at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Elba United Methodist Church. A reception will be held in the church social hall immediately following the ceremony.

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## Miss Holt, Miss Hudson

### And Mr. Cowart To

### Graduate From Auburn

Auburn University will award 739 degrees at its winter quarter commencement at 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 18, in Eaves-Memorial Coliseum.

Candidate for degrees from this area are:

From Elba: G. Stephen Cowart; Angela Holt and Aleah A. Hudson.

## New Arrival

Emily Brooke Bradshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Bradshaw, announced the arrival of their daughter, Emily Brooke, on Feb. 12, 1988, at 11:37 a.m. at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Emily weighed 4 lbs. 1 oz. and was 17 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Winford Padgett, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Bradshaw, all of Elba.

## Twentieth Century

### Study Club Meets

For the February meeting of the Twentieth Century Study Club, an open meeting was held.

The club held their meeting at the Officer's Club at Fort Rucker. At this meeting each member was permitted to invite their husband or a guest.

Hostesses for this delightful occasion were: Janaria Thomas, and Elaine Thompson.

Members and their guests that were present were: Grace Taylor, Janaria and Grady Thomas, Ethelene and Gerald Tucker, Betty and Oscar Vaughan, Elaine Thompson, Mary Young, Martha Frances and Robert Stephens and Ferrin and Hedy Cox.

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L-R: Mr. M.W. Johnston; Mrs. Koon, Mr. Koon, Mrs. M.W. Johnston

## Bridal Shower Compliments Mrs. Koon

A miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Mrs. Joel Lamar Koon Jr. (nee Beth Johnston) was held Feb. 18 in the lovely home of Mrs. Agnes Plant on N. Troy Highway in Elba.

Hostesses were Mrs. Plant were Mrs. Erelene Poole, Mrs. Evelyn Houtt, Mrs. Mary Whitman, Mrs. Mae Snellgrove, Mrs. Mary Flowers, Mrs. Eula Chancellor, Mrs. Geraldine Matthews, Mrs. Edith Calhoun, Mrs. Mamie Harrison and Miss Felicia Revel.

Mrs. Plant greeted guests during the hours of seven and eight in the evening, and presented them to the honoree, her husband, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Johnston.

The reception room was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Mary Whitman and Mrs. Edith Calhoun.

Mrs. Rebecca Downing presided at a registry table and registered guests in a book of memories with a feathered pen.

Mrs. Erelene Poole invited guests into the refreshment area. The refreshment table was covered with a floor-length yellow satin cloth overlaid with a white lace cloth and was accented with a floral arrangement and crystal candelabra.

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# Nursing Home Spotlight

By,  
Shirley Wise

Here it is already March, and as I was reading some facts about the month in the encyclopedia, I found them most interesting, and hope you do also.

March is the third month of the year. It was the first month on the ancient Roman calendar, and was called "Martius." When Julius Caesar revised the calendar, he established Jan. 1 as the beginning of the year. March then became the third month. It has always had 31 days; its name honors Mars, the Roman god of war.

March brings in Spring and ends winter. Spring in the northern half of the world begins with the "vernal equinox," which occurs on or about March 21. On this day, the sun rises directly in the east and sets directly in the west, so that the length of the day is exactly equal to the length of the night. March can be both windy and springlike. Blustery, windy days occur as frequently as mild, sunny days.

In the Northern Hemisphere, many animals and plants awaken or come back to life during March. Sap flows in the trees and green buds begin to appear. The first pussy willows and wild flowers can be found in the woods. Most frogs lay their eggs, hibernating animals, such as bears, badgers and woodchucks, leave their winter sleeping places. Wild geese and ducks begin their northward flights. In March people begin to look for the first robin as a sign that spring has really come. Early songbirds appear.

March has no national holidays, but there are several important state and religious holidays. Nebraskaans celebrate the admission of their state into the union on March 1. Texas celebrates March 2 as the anniversary of its independence from Mexico. On March 4, the people of Pennsylvania commemorate the anniversary of Penn's Charter. The Irish celebrate March 17 as the feast day of St. Patrick, which incidentally is Uncle Claude's birthday, and Aunt Kate's birthday is Feb. 14, so both of them have "special birthdays."

In Maryland, March 25 is set apart for a celebration of the arrival of the first Maryland colonists in 1634. The Jewish festival of Purim usually occurs in March. It is held on the day corresponding to the 14th day of Adar on the Hebrew calendar.

There are many superstitions about March. We often hear that "March comes like a lion and goes out like a lamb." This means that the first day of March is often stormy, and the last day mild and warm. Another saying is, "April showers bring May flowers." The first day of March is often stormy, and the last day mild and warm.

When we asked Sue about his blindness, she said he had been blind since birth. She said her father, Lawton, always said the reason he was blind was because he had been born at the end of the saline dunes, which are used to irrigate baby's eyes when they are first born, were not used in his eyes, and he developed an eye infection when he was three days old, and has been blind ever since.

Mr. Willis is a Missionary Baptist and belongs to Missionary Baptist Church in Talladega.

He was admitted to the nursing home January 13 of this year and his roommate is Mr. Alfred Seymour, whom I'm sure a lot of readers will remember from years back, as he and his wife, Miss Pat, used to reside in Elba.

Sue recalls for us, "Up until three-four years ago, Willis did everything we did! He picked cotton and dreamed his life always went with us to the field. His blindness, to himself or us, has never been a handicap. I remember him helping me with my math homework - he could spit out the answers as fast as I could give him the problems! If he had had the educational opportunities of today for the blind, there's no telling what he could have done, for he was very smart."

Mr. Willis' favorite season is "Spring and summer. I love the outside." "I love the radio and television," Sue stated, "and he used to love to read. Of course he read Braille and he belonged to the Library of Congress, sort of a book club for the blind, and they'd send him some books and reads of books, but he is unable to read now, for his hands are so shaky that he can't hold them still on the book." Mr. Willis added, "I wish I could read - I have the time now."

He told us his favorite holiday is "Christmas," and when we asked why, he replied laughing, "Oh, Santa Claus!" "He used to bring me toys when I was little, horns and lots of other stuff."

He told us what Sue had told us about his favorite food: "His favorite foods are fried chicken and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and mostly anything except rice and English peas. He won't eat those two things. He won't say anything about it - he'd always just eat around them. When Kelley (Sue's daughter) was little, she'd

sometimes put a little rice on his plate to tease him and he'd eat everything and leave the little mound of rice on his plate." He laughed and said, "That's right! Is that what she told you?" And he just laughed!

When we visited Mr. Willis, the residents were in the dining room listening to a preacher and at the end of the sermon we sang "Amazing Grace," and Mr. Willis reached into his overalls pocket and pulled out his harmonica and started playing along with the singing. He plays very well, and told us he enjoys playing his harp -- he calls it his harp.

Another trick Mr. Willis has -- he can make a noise just like a train, with his mouth! One of the nurses asked me if he made his train noise for me, and I said no, so I went back in and asked him about it and he really can sound just like a train!

We asked Sue to describe her uncle, and she said, "Willis was very easy to live with. He never complained about anything! He first came to live with my parents in 1945 and he lived with them until Daddy died in 1974, and when Daddy died, he moved in with us and has lived with us for the last 14 years. He's just always been part of the family."

An aide at the nursing home stopped us on the way out and said, "I know he is the sweetest little ole man. If everybody was that sweet, this would be Heaven!"

I remember the first time I saw Mr. Willis -- the Bryans had recently moved next door and I pulled into the driveway one day and saw this small, old-looking gentleman in his ever-present overalls standing still as a mouse in the side yard, and I observed him for a few moments and realized that he had temporarily lost his bearings. So I walked over and started talking to him, and like a little innocent, trusting child he let me take his arm and lead him into their house.

I've often wondered if I ever had to give up one of my senses, which would it be -- well, sight was always my first choice! But I am thankful for all I have.

Some random thoughts dear to me: "So live," advised Will Rogers, "that you would not be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossamer."

"Humility is something we should constantly pray for, yet never thank God that we have." Link Wray.

There is so much good in the worst of us.

And so much bad in the best of us, that it fills the best of us.

To talk about the rest of us.

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NOTES

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AZALEA LEAF DROP

Don't be too concerned if you notice the leaves on your azaleas are turning yellow and dropping. Azaleas usually lose half their leaves in the winter or early spring, but the time new growth begins. The drought last fall and mild weather through December caused the yellowing to begin earlier and in greater numbers than usual.

However, if all a plant's leaves are turning yellow, it could be from disease, lack of fertilizer, lack of iron, or environmental conditions.

Do not prune or fertilize azaleas now. Wait until the plants have finished flowering this spring.

MINERALS FOR BEEF CATTLE

Beef producers tend to disregard the requirements of a number of minerals for beef cattle. Often they supply salt but overlook the fact that other minerals are an essential part of the diet of beef animals.

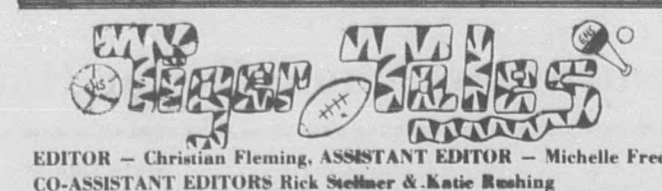
Minerals make up about five percent of the total body weight of a cow and are fairly stable in content. But, minerals in forages vary according to soil composition and the availability of soil minerals to plants. Feeds will also vary in mineral content.

Remember, providing a mineral mixture year-round is a low-cost practice when you consider the benefits.

TIMBER PRICES

Pine sawtimber in our region sold for an average over in November of \$162 a thousand. The high price received in this area was \$185, and the low was \$142. For pine pulpwood the average was \$17 a cord. The highest was \$20 and the low was \$12.50 a cord. Soft hardwood pulpwood sold for an average of \$5 a cord and the high was \$6 with the lowest being





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## Seniors Of The Week

**LINDA MAE BROOKS** - Linda is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Brooks. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, VICA, and is secretary of the St. Beta Club. Linda Mae's favorite class is Trig. Her hobbies are being with friends, and playing the piano. After graduation, she plans to attend college and major in engineering. Her most memorable time was the 1987 prom.

**ALLISON GAVIN** - Allison is the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Thigpen. She is a member of St. Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Student Council and is vice president of the senior class. Allison's favorite classes are Computer Science, Economics and Advanced English. Her hobbies are reading, sewing and being with friends. After graduation she plans to attend ESJC and transfer to George C. Wallace of Dothan.

**DELOIS WARE** - Delois is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Ware. Her favorite classes are Economics, Advanced English, and Typing. Her favorite teacher is Mr. King. Her hobbies are listening to music and being with friends. Her most memorable time at EHS was the 1987 prom. After graduation Delois plans to join the Army.



FFA SPONSORS TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST . . . Pictured above are teachers of Elba High School enjoying a delicious breakfast sponsored by the Elba FFA chapter. The breakfast was part of the Elba Chapter's promotion of National FFA Week.

## First Aid Course Offered At ESJC

Be prepared for an unexpected emergency. Enroll in a First Aid class at Enterprise State Junior College this spring.

The course provides instruction to the immediate, temporary care which should be given to the victims of accidents and sudden illnesses. It also includes standard and advanced requirements of the American Red Cross, and/or the American Heart Association. CPR training is also included.

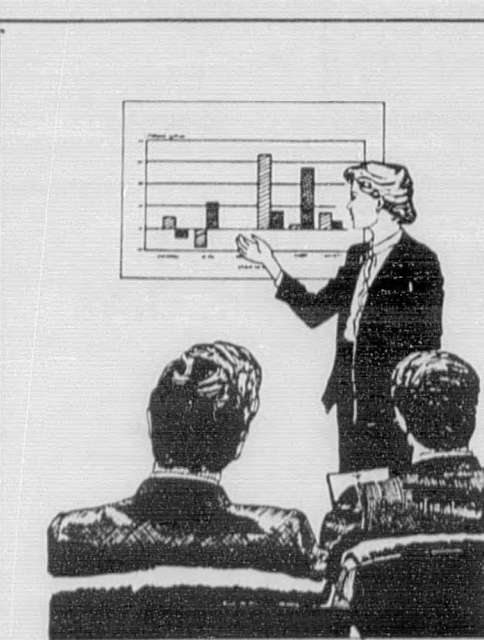
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invest your time and effort, but it may lead you in the direction of that new job. It has for more than 90% of the women who participated in previous programs. So call 393-ESJC, Ext. 266 now to schedule an interview.

The Career Training Program for Women runs this spring from April 11 through May 23. Interviews will be held March 21 through April 8.



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## Guidance

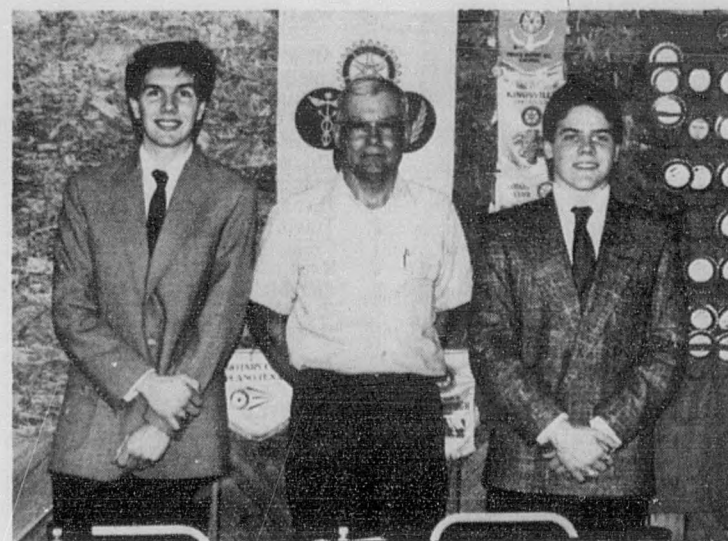
### Office News

Gov. Guy Hunt designated the Alabama Honors Academy at Samford University as the Alabama Governors School. It is an honors program designed to provide academic, creative and leadership experiences through classes, seminars, workshops, field trips and self-directed projects during a two-week residency.

Tuition, room, board, field trips and other activities planned for the school are provided.

Dates of the program will be June 19 - July 2.

Any interested junior will need to see Mr. Carnley.



## Mary Beth Henderson Receives Scholarship

Mary Beth Henderson of Elba, has been named recipient of a George C. Wallace Leadership scholarship to Troy State University.

The announcement was made by University Chancellor, Dr. Ralph W. Adams.

Miss Henderson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waylon Henderson, is a graduate of Elba High School, where she was president of the Student Government Association.

Each year the George C. Wallace scholarship is awarded to outstanding high school and junior college students who have excelled in academic and/or leadership accomplishments.

Mack Moore, Lee Coleman and Chris Wilson

## Elba Rotary Club Sponsors Local Student

Lee Coleman, an Elba High School junior, has been chosen to participate in the Auburn Rotary World Affairs Youth Seminar to be held Aug. 7 - 12 at Auburn University.

U.S. High school students participating in the program must have demonstrated high standards of scholarship, citizenship and community spirit. Foreign students from all over the world will be participating in the seminar.

Sessions will involve background information and study of various

topics, such as areas of world crises and causes for current economic and social conditions. Participants will become aware of the complexity of world issues and will learn to understand other views, historical influences and cultural differences.

The Elba Rotary Club will sponsor Lee to participate in this program.

Mack Moore, a Rotary Club member, is shown with Lee Coleman and Chris Wilson. Chris participated in the program last year and presented a slide program to the Rotary Club on his activities at the seminar.



Teri Flinder - Jamie Morrow - Gayle Robinson - A.Z. Stoudemire

## Employer Of The Week - Kleinert's, Inc.

We are pleased to have as a participant in the 1987-88 co-op program, Kleinert's, Inc. Kleinert's has been a faithful supporter for several years.

This business has been beneficial to many students in the past as well as those presently employed.

**Teri Flinder**, a junior, works in the print shop and has been employed since Aug. 4, 1987. She attends classes each morning and begins her work experience at 1:00 p.m. each day and works until 4:00 p.m.

**Jamie Morrow**, a senior, also works in the print shop and has been employed since Aug. 10, 1987. She attends classes each morning and begins her work experience at 1:00 p.m. each day and works until 4:00 p.m.

**Gayle Robinson**, a senior, works in the Garment Shop Dept. and has been employed since June 8, 1987. She attends classes each morning and begins her work experience at 1:00 p.m., working until 4:00 p.m. each day.

**A.Z. Stoudemire**, a senior, works in the Shipping Dept. and has been employed since June 11, 1986. A.Z. attends classes each morning and begins his work experience at 12 p.m. working until 4:00 p.m.

These students feel that their jobs have made their education and occupational training more meaningful and also assists them in their career development.

Many thanks to Mr. Howard Moore and the supervisors of these students for their assistance and willingness to provide guidance and on-the-job training.

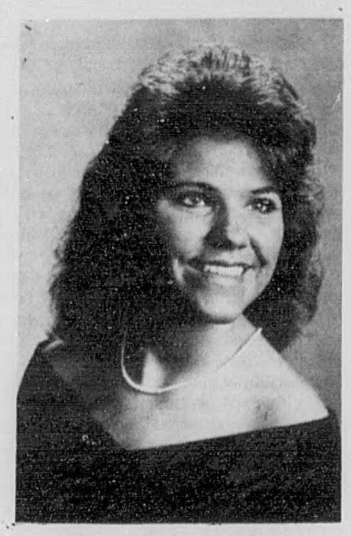
## Elba Middle School

### Boys 4-H Meets

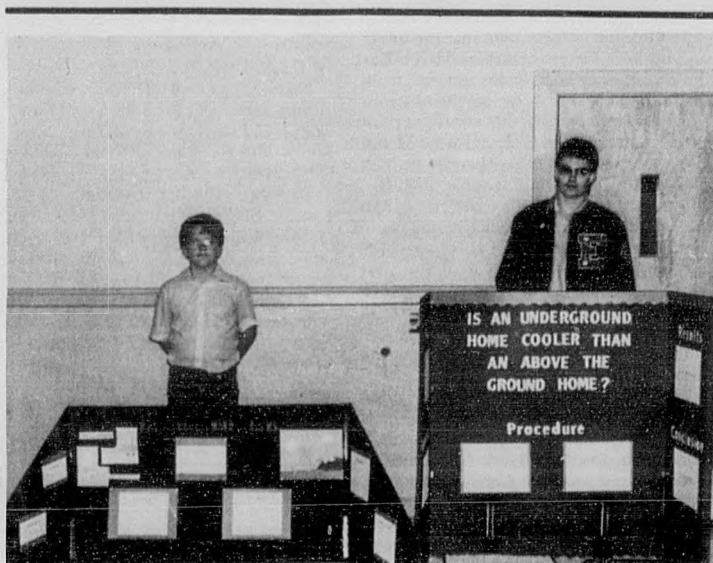
The 4-H Club met at the Elba Middle School, February 12. We opened the meeting with an Indian song. Everyone was present. Mrs. Brookshire passed out contest sheets.

**Progress Reports**-Boyd gave his woodworking report, and Patrick S. gave his report on fire safety.

**Elba Middle School Boys 4-H Reporter, Che Vaughan**



Mary Beth Henderson



Chad Smith (left) and Phil Bogan with Science Fair projects

## Phil Bogan Places Second At Science Fair

Phil Bogan, son of Phillip and Sue Bogan of Elba, received the second-place honors at the state Science Fair held in Decatur on April 21-23.

Chad Smith, a seventh-grader, entered a project, *Why the Wind Blows*. He also competed in the district competition.

the-ground home?" will now be entered in state competition at the state Science Fair held in Decatur on April 21-23.

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## The Rebel News

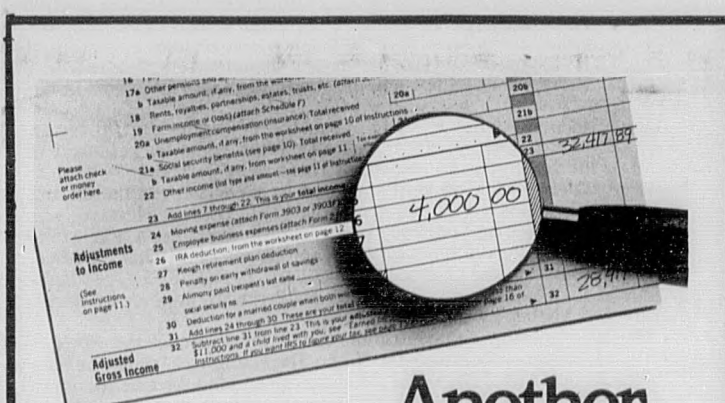
Camille Marler-Editor  
Rachel Bryan-Sponsor



The senior high division winners of the Science Fair held at Zion Chapel High School were Jeff Hussey - first, and Sheila Aceman - third. Those who received honorable mention were Tate Gatlin, Donna Griswold and Wesley McWaters. Shann Cotton, who won second place, was absent on picture day.

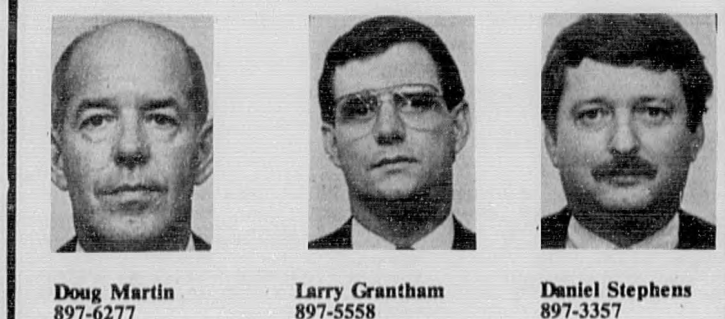


The junior high division winners of the Science Fair were Donna Holcomb - first; Jason McLeod - second; and Shannon Jirigith - third. Those who received honorable mention were Jennifer Flowers, Wendy Chancellor and Chris Dewberry.

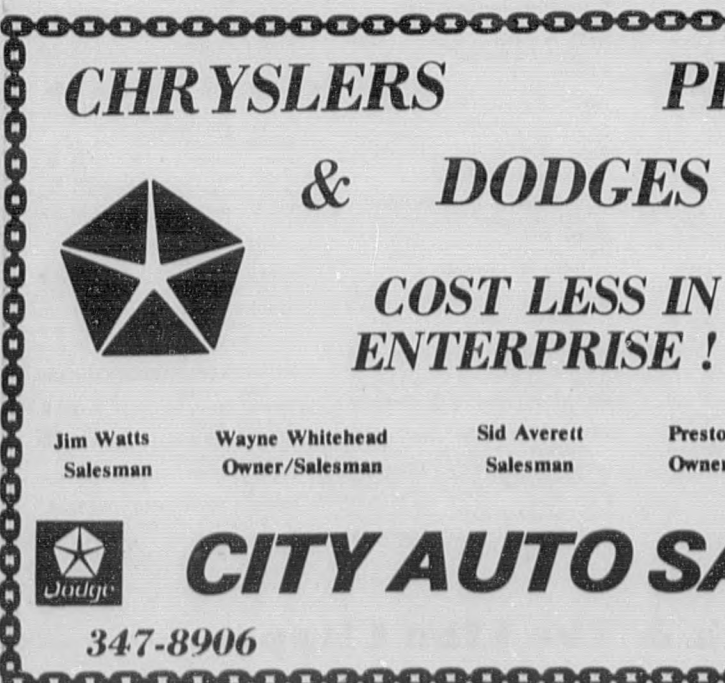


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## REBEL BRIEFS

### AMERICAN HISTORY CLASS WRITES FOLKLORE STORIES

By: Jane Davis

The Zion Chapel eleventh grade American History students are studying stories that abound in every town or locality about local heroes or events, otherwise known as folklore.

Ghost stories, stories about unusual happenings and feats of bravery have been passed down for many generations in most parts of our nation. Stories about happenings within a family have also been passed down from generation to generation. The American History students are also writing about the different heroes and local events they think have been passed down from generation to generation.

The students may research a local event in textbooks or talk to older family members and people in the community.

The rough draft of their "story" of one to three pages should be turned in to the teacher before they begin their final paper, due March 21. An illustration for the story is also due on this deadline.

### SPRING TRAINING BEGINS

By: Todd Rugg

Spring training began last week at Zion Chapel with Coaches Tom Moates and Tom Walker supervising exercises and drills designed to get the players in shape. The Rebels will suit up 32 players this year. The team consists of 11 seniors, 12 juniors, 8 sophomores and one freshman who started last year as an eighth-grader. The team has 11 returning starters and 20 of the 32 players were on the team last year.

The 1988 Zion Chapel Rebels are Jamie Hurd, Freddie Culver, Shannon Morris, Kendall Grissett, Kenneth Marler, Timmy Goodson, Stacey Faison, Keith Ward, Pat Sanders, Toraz Haynes, Steve Carney, Gary Grissett, Tohi Lowery, John Parrish, Tate Gatlin, Ashley Wise, Brent Little, Steven Cole, Lenonious Smith, Steven Berry, Jamie Duncan, Tommy Gibson, Cade Shiver, Steven Norton, Jason McLeod, Eric Jones, Daniel Henley, Jeffrey Flowers, Chris Dewberry, Jack Childs, Eddie Stephens and Douglas Faulk.

The Rebels will play the Goshen Eagles March 25 at Zion Chapel in the Rebel Jambooree.

### WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?

By: Lee Kelley

"What are your plans?" is a question that many seniors have asked themselves many times this year. Many are asking themselves what college they want to attend for further education and what kind of jobs are available for them now before they graduate.

Many are asking "What am I going to major in at college? What kind of friends am I going to make? Will I have enough money or will I need financial aid?" Questions, questions, questions - that's all a senior is looking at when he/she is getting ready for graduation. "Life is full of questions, and answering them is a part of life," said Lavonia Johnson, a senior at ZC.

### SAMPLE FOR SENIORS

By: Ona Lee Bundy

Sample for Seniors' was held recently in Enterprise to give seniors a chance to get a sample of what college life at Enterprise State Junior College is like. The classes were 15 minutes long so teachers could tell students what was expected of them and what the classes they were taking were all about.

Seniors from ZC attended from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. A free meal was given to each one.

### DR. JODY MILLER VISITS FAMILY LIVING CLASS

By: Lavonia Johnson

Are you going to college or straight to work after you graduate high school? This was the question Dr. Jody Miller from Enterprise State Junior College asked Mrs. Oggs' 4th period Family Living class.

Dr. Miller first handed out several papers on careers, and then gave everybody a card to fill out telling what career they plan to choose and how much money they hoped to be making in ten years. Some of the careers they chose were cosmetologist, computer programmer, accountant (CPA), secretary and draftsman.

They discussed the places they plan to choose and how they would come back to work in their home town, or if they planned to work in the South.

Dr. Miller then showed them a film on careers and invited them to attend the Career Development Center Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The center has film strips, cassette tapes, college directories and books on careers, employment and women's special groups.

### THE ACT TEST

By: Lee Simmons

Juniors and seniors, you've got two more opportunities to take the American College Testing (ACT) assessment before the summer. The two testing dates are April 16 and June 11. Deadline for registering for the April 16 test is March 18; for the June 11 test is May 13. If you miss the regular registering deadline, you may register by the late deadline and must pay a late handling fee of \$10 for each late registration. Late registration deadlines are April 5 for the March 18 deadline and May 31 for the June 11 deadline.

The ACT scores are to determine which college offers the best program for your individual future.

Ask your counselor for an ACT registration packet and test preparation booklet. More than 2700 colleges, universities and school agencies require or recommend the ACT assessment.

For students who are planning to take the ACT the Zion Chapel code number for registration is 011-512.

### STUDENTS STUDY "GONE WITH THE WIND"

By: Jackie Parrish

American History students at Zion Chapel High School have recently been involved in a study of *Gone With the Wind*. After reading an article published in the Oct., 1986, issue of *Southern Life* entitled "Thoroughly Modern Scarlett," written by Steve Oney, History teacher Rachel Bryan said she believed American History students at Zion Chapel High School should be given the opportunity to form their own opinion about what *Gone With the Wind* symbolizes.

In order to accomplish this, Mrs. Bryan required all American History students to read the book or watch the movie.

In the article, "Thoroughly Modern Scarlett," Steve Oney says, "Ever since *Gone With the Wind* first appeared back in 1936, it has been regarded as the Bible of the Lost Cause, and its great symbol - Tara - has either been held up as an admirable example of the plantation ideal or denigrated as the supreme fignment of white oppression." Mrs. Bryan gave each student a copy of this article.

The students were given a test on *Gone With the Wind* after they had been given ample time to read the book or watch the movie. On the test they were to answer the questions by giving their own opinion. However, they were required to back up the forming of their opinion with specific instances. This was to let Mrs. Bryan know if they had seen the movie or read the book.

When student Jackie Herbert was asked if she believed Scarlett and Atlanta are one and the same, she said, "Yes, Scarlett was born the same year Atlanta became a city. Like Atlanta, she survived the Civil War and was even stronger because of it. When Scarlett married Mr. Kennedy and started her lumber business, she was growing and prospering just like Atlanta. When she asked Rhett to build her the biggest, most luxurious house in Atlanta, it was a symbol of what Atlanta was to become."

When David Jackson, another student, was asked if he thought Scarlett used people, he said, "I don't think she did the things she did to just hurt and use people. He said he believed she did only what she thought she had to do. David added, "Though she was a little selfish, most of the things she did were for the people she loved."

When the students were asked if they thought Scarlett was good, bad or somewhere in between, most of them said they believed she was somewhere in between.

Student Stacey Faison was asked if he thought *Gone With the Wind* was racial, and he said, "I don't think it was intended to be and it didn't seem so to me. The only thing that seemed a little racial was when Scarlett was talking about taking a strap to Prissy when Prissy was sent to get the doctor. But, I can't blame Scarlett because I probably would have been thinking of something like that if I had had to put up with Prissy."

### 4-H REPORT

Today at 4-H we kicked off with a song led by Denise Marler and Shay Flowers. Next Stephanie Brooks read the devotionals. Then we said our Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and our 4-H flag.

Then Stephanie D. Nelson called roll and read the minutes. Next Mrs. Hughes called out the winners for the 4-H craft contest.

First place was Michelle Jones; second - Shannon Calhoun.

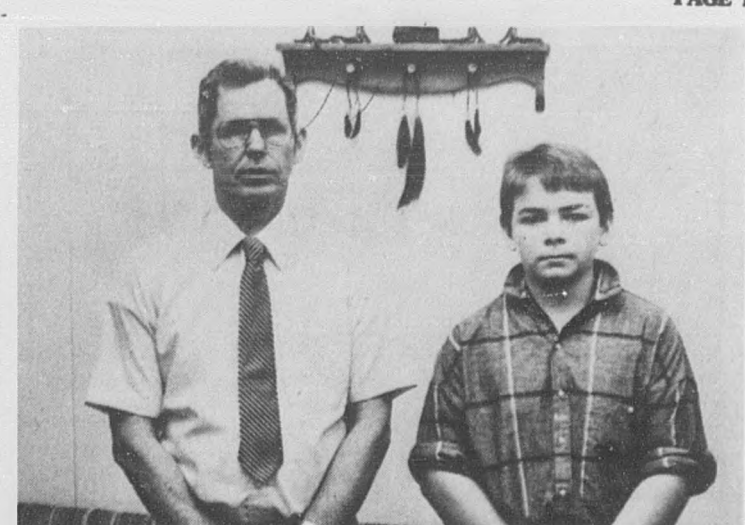
Mrs. Hughes called out the 4-H poster winners.

First place goes to Denise Marler; second - Stephanie Brooks; third - Sabrina Stewart and Michelle Jones.

Next we had Bobbie Joe Simmons, Gloria Sullivan and Amy Kilgough tell us what they did on their projects.

Next Mrs. Hughes told us how to keep our lunch boxes clean and how to keep food from spoiling.

By: SEREATHIA ALCURTI



## Turkey Hunting Is Popular Sport At ZC

By: Chris Moultry and Robbie Davis

Jason McLeod, ZC freshman, won third place in the junior division of a turkey calling contest. The contest was sponsored by the Enterprise Bait and Tackle and was held at the Enterprise Civic Center.

There were 25 contestants divided into three age groups. The group that Jason was a part of was judged on the yelp, cluck, cackle and favorite call. Judges for the contest were seated on one side of the stage in a blind.

While gathering information about

Jason and the turkey calling contest, the Rebel News discovered that our principal, Mr. Nelson Whitehurst, is an avid turkey hunter. He let us listen to his recording of various turkey calls that can be heard in different parts of the turkey season.

Mr. Whitehurst has a mini-cassette player that he carries with him. When asked about his recording, Mr. Whitehurst said, "I'm working on sharpening my skills in turkey hunting before the season opens."

## Literature Class Writes Sonnets

By: Gina Huckabaw

The twelfth grade literature class is studying sonnets. A sonnet is a poem of 14 lines with a fixed pattern of meter and rhyme. Its name is an Italian word meaning "a little song."

These sonnets were mainly written between the 1200's and 1800's, expressing types of love between the author and patron.

The class was split into groups with four to five people in each group. One group will pick one sonnet, copy it, and analyze it. The rhyme scheme must also be included. A rhyme scheme shows which lines rhyme with others.

Jackie Parrish, Rena Flowers, Scottie Lee and Gina Huckabaw form one group. This group chose sonnet 52 written by William Shakespeare:

Bring your slave, what I should do but tend  
Upon the hours and times of your desire?  
I have no precious time at all to spend,  
Nor services to do, till you require.

Nor dare I chide the world without-end hour  
Whilst I, my sovereign, watch the clock  
You use, nor think of the base thing you do,

Nor think the bitterness of absence sour  
When you have had your servant once  
Nor dare I question with my jealous thought  
Where you may be, or your affairs  
Suppose.

Though loving her makes a fool out of him, the poet continues to love: "So true a love is love that in your will, Though you do anything, he thinks no ill."

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## Views From The Pressbox By, Ricky Mularz

I've always joked that while some weeks we may run a little short on news, there always seemed to be plenty of sports to write about. Well, I guess that every dog has his day, because this week when I sat down to put together some sports I found absolutely nothing going on. If I can find a big ad I might manage to fill up a page, but right now I am still hunting!

### ELBA TIGERS READY FOR SPRING GAME

The Elba High Tigers will wind up spring football practice this week with their annual intrasquad game, and all Tiger fans need to make plans to come out Friday night and watch next year's squad in action. Coach Mack Wood reported this week that his team has been slowed in recent practices by minor injuries, but he assured me that the injuries were the result of hard hitting - and that's good news! I've only watched a couple of days of practice this spring and don't really know that much about the team; however, when I was there the players were really hitting and it appeared to me that the team had more than its share of talent. You never expect to see a lot at a spring game due to the fact that the coaches rarely let the teams show anything new, but with the talent on the teams the game should be fun to watch. See ya there!!

On yeah - before going to the game don't forget to drop by the high school cafeteria and pick up some delicious barbecue chicken. The chicken is being sold by the Elba Athletic Club and all proceeds will go directly back into the athletic program at the school, so don't eat at home - eat with the Tigers!!

The intrasquad game will start at 6 p.m. and will consist of four 1200-quarter games with all rules in effect. Coach Rick Rainer will direct one squad and Coach Hank Kennedy will lead the other squad in the game.

"We had a good week of practice and got in both scrimmages we had planned," stated Coach Wood, "and there was a lot of hitting going on. We worked on fundamentals Monday and Tuesday and reviewed everything we'd put in on both sides of the ball; then Wednesday had a scrimmage with the first units going against the second units."

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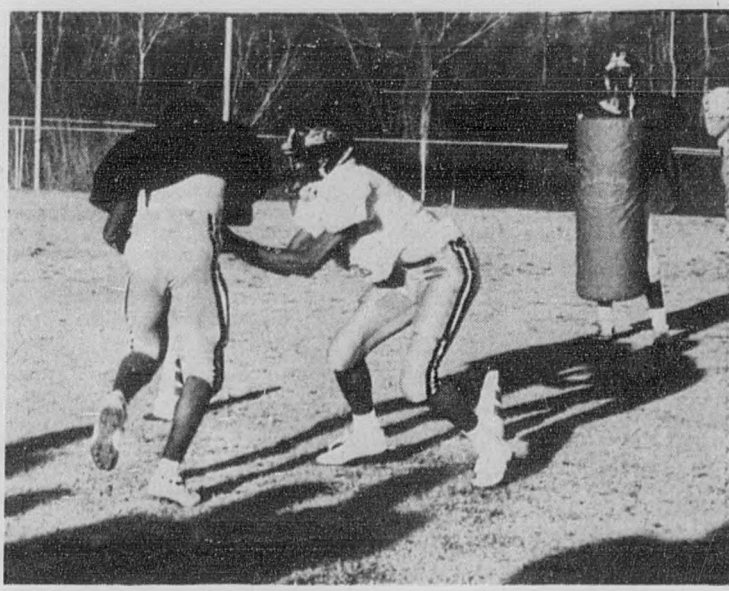
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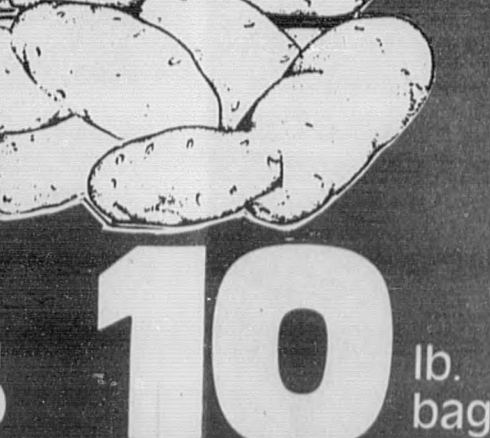


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I've always joked that while some weeks we may run a little short on news, there always seemed to be plenty of sports to write about. Well, I guess that every dog has his day, because this week when I sat down to put together some sports I found absolutely nothing going on. If I can find a big ad I might manage to fill up a page, but right now I am still hunting!

### ELBA TIGERS READY FOR SPRING GAME

The Elba High Tigers will wind up spring football practice this week with their annual intrasquad game, and all Tiger fans need to make plans to come out Friday night and watch next year's squad in action. Coach Mack Wood reported this week that his team has been slowed in recent practices by minor injuries, but he assured me that the injuries were the result of hard hitting - and that's good news! I've only watched a couple of days of practice this spring and don't really know that much about the team; however, when I was there the players were really hitting and it appeared to me that the team had more than its share of talent. You never expect to see a lot at a spring game due to the fact that the coaches rarely let the teams show anything new, but with the talent on the teams the game should be fun to watch. See ya there!!

On yeah - before going to the game don't forget to drop by the high school cafeteria and pick up some delicious barbecue chicken. The chicken is being sold by the Elba Athletic Club and all proceeds will go directly back into the athletic program at the school, so don't eat at home - eat with the Tigers!!

### STATE BASKETBALL TOURNEY FILLED WITH ACTION

I missed the state basketball tournament for the first time in 14 years last week, but I've talked with the coaches and fans who made it to both sites, and it sounds like it was one of the best tournaments ever. Here's a quick look back at what I've heard:

\*\*\*Class 6A - Grissom defeated Jeff Davis in the finals and had supposedly one of the best coached teams to be seen. The winners had a big 6'8" man in the middle and two real quick guards and surprised everyone by taking the title. Most said that LeFlore and Central of Tuscaloosa were the second- and third-best teams in the class.

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The high school baseball season is just around the corner and here in Elba Coach Rick Rainer is expecting to field another solid team in his attempt to make the state tourney for the second straight year!

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### IN CLOSING . . .

Forget what I wrote last week about the beginning of softball! This past weekend I umpired down in Samson, and while I did enjoy the tourney, I didn't enjoy getting home after midnight Friday, and enjoyed even less leaving Samson about 2 a.m. Sunday morning. I know that long days mean more money and I'm not complaining, because everyone in Samson treated all the umpire like kings; however Ricky just doesn't stay up late any more, and it'll take me at least a month to catch up on my naps!

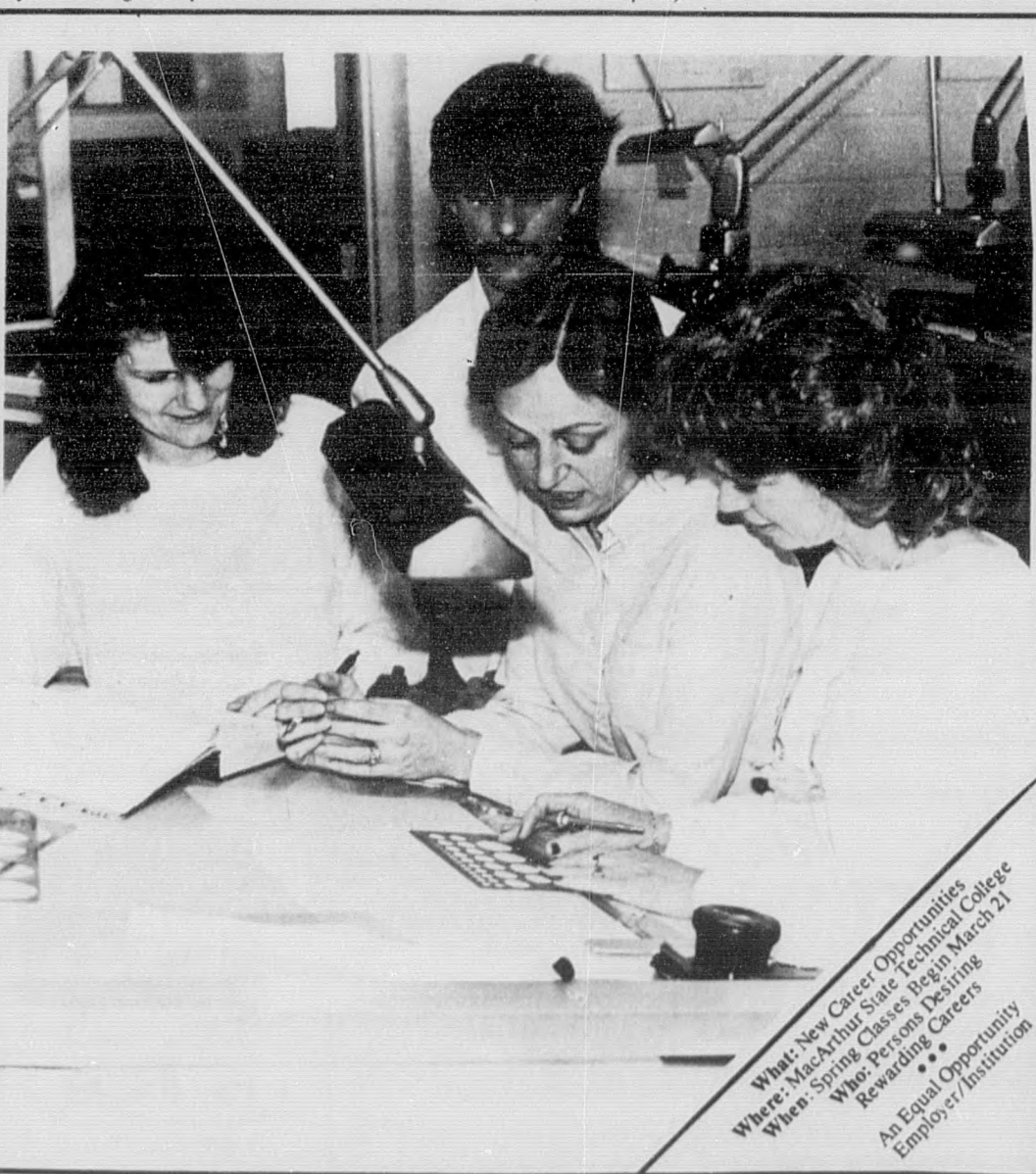
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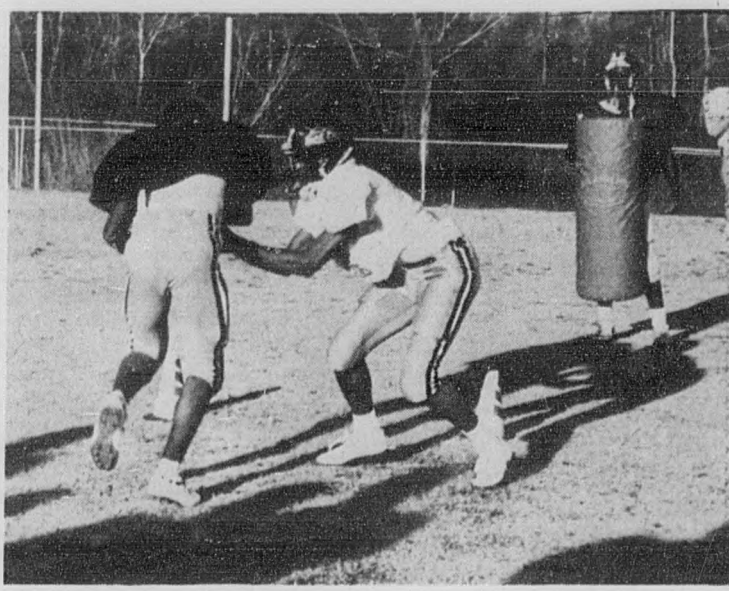
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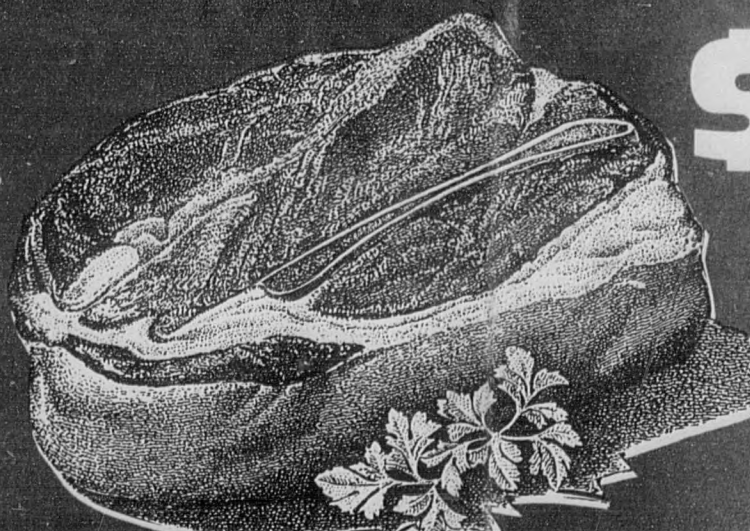
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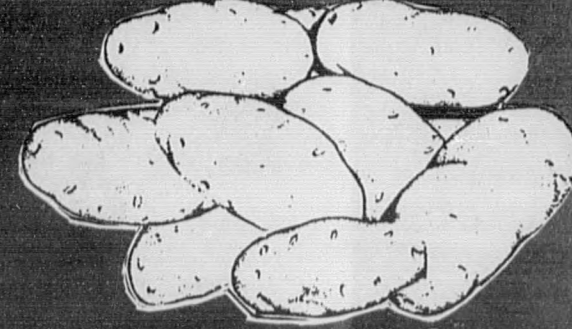
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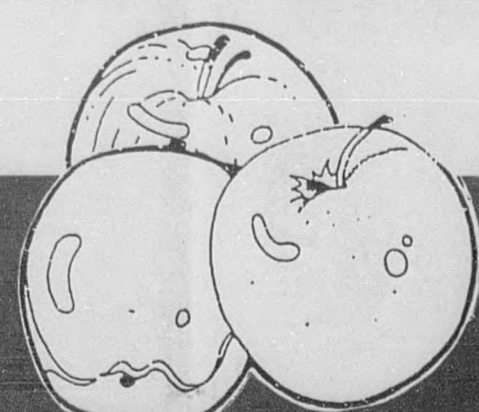




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per head **99¢**

Cello Pack  
**Tomatoes** 6 pak **99¢**

Garden Fresh Fancy  
**Zucchini Squash** per lb. **59¢**

Plump Sweet Chilean Thompson  
**Seedless Grapes** per lb. **99¢**

Young Tender Fancy No. 1  
**Yellow Squash** per lb. **69¢**

Windex Reg.  
**Window  
Cleaner**  
22-oz. btl.  
**\$1.69**

Gaines  
Cycle 1, 2, 3 & 4  
**Dog  
Food**  
14-oz. cans  
3 For **\$1**

40¢ Off Label  
**Crisco  
Oil**  
64-oz. btl.  
**\$2.69**

"Get 1 Bar FREE  
When You Buy 3"  
**Irish  
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4 5-oz. bars  
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**Air  
Freshener** 4.4-oz.  
**\$1.59**

Gaines  
Cycle 1, 2, 3 or 4  
**Dog  
Food** 5-lb.  
**\$2.99**

Hy-Top  
**Vegetable  
Oil** 48-oz.  
**\$1.59**

Gulf  
**Charcoal  
Starter** 32-oz.  
**\$1.69**

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Coconut, Red Velvet or Carrot  
**Fresh Made  
Cakes**  
each **\$4.99**

**2-Piece Chicken  
Snack Box**  
Includes: 2-Pieces of Chicken,  
1 Potato Log and 1 Roll  
each **\$1.79**

Old Fashion  
**Iced  
Cinnamon  
Rolls** 6 For **\$1.19**

Fresh Made  
**Corn  
Dogs** 2 For **\$1**

Caffeine Free Diet Coke,  
Coke Classic, Diet Coke,  
Tab, Sprite, Diet Sprite,  
Sugar Free Dr. Pepper,  
Dr. Pepper, Mello Yello,  
Cherry Coke, or  
**Coca  
Cola** 2-liter btl.  
**\$1.39**

Meadow Gold  
Supreme  
**Ice  
Cream**  
1/2-gal. ctn.  
**\$2.99**

Whole Bean  
**8 O'clock  
Coffee** 1-lb. bag  
**\$2.19**

Meadow Gold  
**Ice Cream  
Sandwiches** 6-ct. pkg.  
**\$1.39**

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## Qualifying underway for upcoming Democratic primary

The Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee met Saturday morning to begin qualifying candidates for the various offices up for election during the current political year. Also on the agenda was the selection of officers for the county executive committee.

Named to head the party organization within the county was current chairman, Jackson W. (Bill) Stokes. Mark Jordan of Enterprise was named vice chairman. Jean Spurlin was re-elected to the office of treasurer and John W. Sharpless will again serve as secretary.

The committee is accepting candidates for all seven commission seats, the Probate Judge, three school board seats (two existing and one new) and constables. Qualifying fees are as follows: Judge - \$800, commissioners - \$300, school board - \$50 and constable - \$25.

Probate Judge Marion Brunson is the only person to qualify in that position. He was the first person to put forth the qualifying fees Saturday morning but was quickly followed by a host of candidates. In all Saturday there were twelve candidates who qualified Saturday. Three more followed before press time this week.

There are seven commission seats in Coffee County and incumbents face election at the same time. Two of the incumbents have

qualified this year as Republicans and will seek re-election as full fledged Republicans. They are Sid Averett, District 6 and Bill Faulk, District 7. Both are Enterprise residents.

District 1 has drawn the most interest, with four candidates, including the incumbent seeking the seat. Commissioner James E. (Jimmy) Bryan Jr. is being challenged by Jim DuBose, F. Doug Harrelson and Leon Smart. Smart has been a candidate previously and the other two are newcomers to the political arena.

Billy Egerton is facing no opposition at press time as he reaches for his third term on the county commission in District 2.

Robert Stephens, the incumbent in District 3 is challenged by Elba City Council member Malcolm Davis. Davis was appointed to fill the vacant seat on the city council when Stephens was named by Governor Wallace to the county commission. Eugene Bradley is the incumbent commissioner in District 4. He is seeking re-election and is challenged by former commissioner Marvin Bowden. Bradley has served two terms and was unopposed four years ago.

District 5, the one that stretches from just outside Elba through New Brockton and into Enterprise is presently held by first time commissioner Damascus Cittinger Jr. He

has qualified for re-election and at press time is unopposed.

District 6 will not have a Democratic incumbent running, as he switched to the Republican Party. Presently only Wendell Hughes is running for the Democratic nomination in that district.

Number 7 does not have a Democratic candidate at press time, again because of the incumbent changing to the Republican Party.

Three seats on the Coffee County School Board will be selected this year also. Two incumbents will be up for re-election if they choose to seek another term. Harold Carroll and Bill Boland are winding down their terms, again because of the incumbent changing to the Republican Party.

The other seat up before the voters this year is an additional seat, one of two opened up as a settlement of a federal court suit. It will have the same district lines as the County Commission District 5. Ruben McKinnon qualified this week for the seat. Another seat on the board will open up at a later date to continue the policy of staggered terms for school board members.

Both county commissioners and school board members will be elected this year under a new plan whereby the candidates are voted on by the registered voters who live in their respective districts.

Marion Brunson, who is seeking his second term in the office of Probate Judge, will see the duties of the office change at the beginning of the next administration. Regardless of who is elected in November that position, the Probate Judge will no longer serve as chairman of the county commission. The court decree that settled a federal lawsuit and increased the commissioners to seven also decreed they would select their own chairman from the elected commissioners. That will take effect the day the newly elected commissioners take office.

Potential Democratic officeholders have until April 8th to qualify with the Coffee County Democratic committee.

## Commission plans grant

A public hearing concerning plans to apply for a federal grant was held at Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission, and after hearing a representative from the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (SEARDC) explain the procedure used to determine the amount of money that could be received for any one project, agreed

to study the application at great length and not finalize the application until a meeting to study each individual project on the application. SEARDC representative Jack Griffith explained to the commission that when it filed an application for a

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CANDIDATES WAIT IN LINE . . . The Coffee County Democratic Party opened qualifying for the June primary last Saturday morning and candidates filled up a portion of the courthouse in Elba awaiting their turn at signing the papers. The candidates continued to file papers this week and it looks like a heated election is heading county voters' way!

## Commissioners Averett & Faulk switch to Republican Party

The Coffee County Commission became a two-party board last week when commissioners Sid Averett and Bill Faulk both announced that they had left the Democratic Party and qualified to seek re-election as members of the Alabama Republican Party.

Both incumbents will appear on the November general election ballot in the county commission races and face any Democratic challengers that qualify and are chosen during the June Democratic primary.

In making his announcement, Commissioner Averett stated, "The Democratic Party left me a long time before I decided to leave the Democratic Party."

The majority of the people in this state resent party leaders telling them who they can and can't vote for," said Averett, "and I feel the Democratic Party is destroying itself."

"I feel the goals of the Republican Party are more worthy to pursue and I think a candidate for public office has a much better future as a member of a party on the move than one going backwards."

"I feel good about running as a Republican and running on my record as a county commissioner. I seek the Republicans, Democrats and independents to give me their support and help return me to a seat on the commission."

Commissioner Bill Faulk stated that he felt he could best serve the people of his district and all Coffee County as a Republican and reported, "We have a Republican governor in this fine state and I think I can get more done for Coffee County as a fellow Republican."

"Back when we had a Democratic governor we also had legislators who carried a lot of clout at the capitol,

but with a Republican now in the governor's office, I feel times have changed and I have changed with them."

"I began to have a falling out with the heads of the Democratic Party back months ago," stated Faulk, "and when party leaders can tell fellow officeholders what to do and what to say, I can't go along with it."

"I'm not about to go and say all Democrats are bad or evil -- I simply studied the matter at great length and decided that at my age I couldn't lead the move to change the Democratic Party back to its place of prominence, so I decided to join the Republican Party and work with the state officials and try to get as much done for Coffee County as possible."

Both Faulk and Averett are in their first terms on the commission and serve Districts 6 and 7.

## City Council opens bids on fire equipment

The Elba City Council met Monday at 5 p.m. with two members absent. Council members Jack Prescott and Francis Williams were present. Due to the late arrival of about 15 minutes late in starting. The lateness of the starting time

was of little concern however, as the business scheduled for discussion was very light. Council members Jack Prescott and Francis Williams were present. Due to the late arrival of about 15 minutes late in starting. The lateness of the starting time

## School Board approves band trip

The Elba School Board gave approval last Thursday for the Elba High School band to begin raising funds for a 1989 trip to the Bahamas. Band director Gary Bradley told board members he hoped to take 130 band members on the trip, leaving April 28 and returning May 1. All this will give the band over a year to raise the funds.

Bradley estimated it would cost between \$375 and \$400 for each student taking the trip for a total of about \$50,000. He said he and the band boosters hoped to raise enough money that no child would be left at home for lack of money.

Any fund-raising event for this project must be coordinated with Supt. C.W. Crews.

Bradley explained the various bands would perform both on board the ship enroute and after reaching the Bahamas.

Board member Stan Marsh opposed the decision to send the band to the Bahamas.

A change in school board policy was approved. It simply reads that payday will be on the last day of the month, unless the last calendar day falls on Saturday or Sunday, and then payments will be made on the preceding Friday. Previously, the rules had been read to mean the last working day of the month which could be Dec. 18 because of the Christmas holidays.

Crews explained to board members that the money wasn't received by the superintendent's office until later in the month and the money often just wasn't there for this payment.

The board approved purchase of a larger handicapped bus, heard the results of an energy audit and approved bids on some vocational equipment. A suggested calendar for school next year was discussed by the board. No decision will be made until teachers have reviewed the proposal and suggested any needed changes.

## County board hears court update

The Coffee County Board of Education held its regular scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. in Elba and heard reports on three lawsuits involving the school system.

Attorney Jim Weatherford stated that the Dillard case, which resulted

CHECKING OUT THE LIVESTOCK . . . Chris Sessions, manager at the Farmers Livestock Co-op in Elba, checks the quality of hogs at the stockyard before a recent sale.

## Farmers' Livestock Co-op ranked tops

The sales figures for livestock in the state of Alabama were released recently, and topping the list of 14 selling points in the state for the sale of hogs was the Farmers' Livestock Co-op, located in Elba and managed by Chris Sessions.

"We have always sold a lot of hogs and feeder pigs here in Elba because we try to treat everyone fair and treat them like we appreciate their business - because we do," stated Sessions.

"There are 14 hog markets in the state and the closest one to Elba is in Opp. Last year we sold 33,688 hogs at the co-op, while Abbeville ranked second with total sales of 24,000. There aren't as many producers as in years past, but the number of hogs is steady and I expect the numbers to

go up slightly this summer."

"We have several hog producers in Coffee County and across south Alabama," added Sessions, "while we have farmers from Montgomery County and all the way up to the state line that will bring their hogs to the sales. The biggest buyers of the feeder pigs come from Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee and, of course, Alabama."

While the local stockyard is tops in hog sales, it ranks down the list in sales of cattle and Sessions reported that in coming months it is hoped that the cattle market will increase. "We sold a total of 12,000 cattle last year," reported Sessions, "and we are trying to build a good market for cattle in this area. There is a good market for cattle and we hope that

soon we can be a source for area cattlemen to buy and sell their stock."

Many stockyards are individually owned and operated, while the local facility is owned by over 1,500 members of the Farmers' Livestock Co-op, and at the end of the year the members share the profits with dividends.

"We're one of the few cooperatives in the area," stated Sessions, "and we feel that by being a co-op the sellers and producers both know that we're going to be fair and treat them like the owners of the stock would like to be treated, because many of the producers are farmers too."

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